

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: RICHARD C. GOWEN, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2172  
Serial No.: 09/825,436 )  
Filed: April 2, 2001 ) Examiner: J. CORRIELUS  
Confirmation No.: 1807 ) Customer ID: 22827  
Title: DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM AND METHOD ) Our Account No.: 04-1403

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims	Highest	Additional	Fee
remaining	number		
after	previously	Present	Extra
amendment	paid for		
Total Effective Claims      20	minus      20	=      0	X \$18 =      \$ _____

Independent Claims      4      minus      4      =      0      x \$86 =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time, add \$290.00 (per application)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Since Official Action set an original due date of February 7, 2004,

**PETITION** is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed\* (1 mo \$110; 2 mos \$420; 3 mos \$950; 4 mos \$1480)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] herewith, enter one-half (½) of subtotal and subtract      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ -0-

Other: \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ -0-

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any fees in addition to the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account No. shown in the heading hereof for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This statement does not authorize charge of the issue fee in this case.

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By: RICHARD M. MOOSE Reg. No.: 31,226 Date: February 6, 2004  
Signature: Richard M. Moose

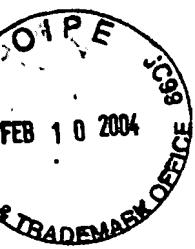
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Honorable Commissioner:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement of January 7, 2004, for the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution those claims indicated in the Office Action by Group II, 'claims 11 through 20. Such election is without any prejudice to Applicants' complete rights to pursue any non-elected subject matter in further applications, for example, such as by way of divisional.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should there be any questions regarding this

Response. Otherwise, entry of such election and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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